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November 10, 2015

Melissa Horn  
Louisiana Board of Ethics  
P.O. Box 4368  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Dear Melissa,

The Louisiana Association of Health Plans is in receipt of your November 6, 2015, letter to LAHP concerning the July 2015 Monthly Report. We respectfully request a waiver on this matter.

The former Communications Director, who was responsible for submitting the monthly reports, showed willful neglect in this instance and other non-related matters. Said person is no longer working with LAHP.

In addition, in an effort to ensure that this does not happen again, LAHP has now registered to file the monthly reports on line using the L.E.A.D.E.R.S. application effective November 1, 2015. Katrina Freeman, IT Analyst, from your office, was extremely helpful in assisting.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Jeff Drozda, CEO  
Louisiana Association of Health Plans

Please note our new address:

450 Laurel Street  
Suite 1830  
Baton Rouge, LA 70801



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**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

November 6, 2015

LA Association of Health Plans, Inc. PAC  
450 Laurel St., Ste. 1450  
Baton Rouge, LA 70801

RE: Late fee assessment for July 2015 Monthly  
Monthly Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 7 days late

Dear LA Association of Health Plans, Inc. PAC:

Enclosed is an assessment of a late fee pursuant to La R.S. 18:1505.4 and La. R.S. 18:1511.4.1. Please submit a check or money order in the amount of **\$1,400** payable to the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana to P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821.

**You have 20 days the receipt of this letter to dispute this assessment. You may elect to do either or both of the following:**

1. You may submit your request for a waiver to the attention of the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

Waivers are handled by the Ethics Board. The Board of Ethics may reduce, suspend, or decline to waive a late fee assessment based on the cause shown by the person, candidate, or political committee. If you submit a request for a waiver of the late fee to the Board of Ethics, your request should contain details as to why, in your opinion, you have good cause why your report was not timely filed. Also, if you would like to appear before the Board of Ethics in connection with your request, you should state that in your letter. The request should be submitted to the attention of the Board of Ethics at the following address: P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

2. You may appeal **the assessment** directly to the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (EAB).

Appeals to the EAB are proceedings before a three judge panel. The determination is made regarding whether the person, candidate, or political committee was required to file the report and whether the report was filed late. Mitigating factors are not considered during an EAB proceeding. The EAB does not have the authority to reduce, suspend, or waive a late fee assessment. If you choose to appeal the assessment to the EAB, you should submit your request for an appeal to the attention of the Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Board of Ethics at P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

If you timely submit a waiver request or appeal, your name will not be posted on the website pending the result of your appeal. Furthermore, if you request an appearance, you will be notified of the place and time prior to the meeting.

If you do not **pay** or **dispute** the assessment of the late fee within 20 days from the receipt of this letter, the matter will be forwarded to the Attorney General's Office to pursue collection. If the matter is forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for collection, you may be responsible for all additional costs incurred. Additionally, late fees not paid by the due date will be posted on the agency website.

***You should be aware that unpaid campaign finance fines, fees or penalties may have an adverse effect on your ability to run for public office in the future, as the Board of Ethics will object to your future qualifications for candidacy for public office pursuant to La. R.S. 18:491 and R.S. 18:492.***

Sincerely,

**LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS**

Melissa Horn

**STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS**  
**acting in its capacity as the**  
**SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE**

**In Re:        LA Association of Health Plans, Inc. PAC**  
**July 2015 Monthly**

**LATE FEE ASSESSMENT ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, LA Association of Health Plans, Inc. PAC, in its capacity as a political action committee, it's CEO, Jeff Drozda were required to file campaign finance reports pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1491.6.


**WHEREAS**, La. R.S. 18:1505.1 provides that it is a violation of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act to fail to timely file campaign finance reports.

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1491.6I(1), LA Association of Health Plans, Inc. PAC was required to file a Monthly Report by August 10, 2015. LA Association of Health Plans, Inc. PAC filed the report on August 17, 2015 and was 7 days late.

**WHEREAS**, La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(2)(a)(v) provides that an automatic late fee of \$200 per day (not to exceed \$3,000) be assessed against LA Association of Health Plans, Inc. PAC, it's CEO, Jeff Drozda for this late filing.

**ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED** that a late fee of \$1,400 is assessed against LA Association of Health Plans, Inc. PAC, it's CEO, Jeff Drozda for failure to timely file a Monthly campaign finance disclosure report.

**ORDER** signed on the 6th day of November 2015 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

  
Chris Sommers - Director, Campaign Finance Division